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SUMMARY: MALIK REMAINS "NOT SO OPTIMISTIC" CONCERNING
PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S CHANCES OF MEDIATING SULU DISPUTE,
AND DOUBTS THERE WILL BE A SUHARTO-RAZAK-MARCOS
TRIPARTITE MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK MAY 16
I ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S EFFORTS
TO MEDIATE SULU DISPUTE IN LIGHT RECENT MEETING WITH
RAZAK AND UPCOMING MEETING WITH MARCOS. MALIK REPLIED
HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PROGRESS AND HE "NOT SO OPTIMISTIC."

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2. MALIK CONFIRMED THAT SUHARTO AND MARCOS WILL MEET IN

MENADO MAY 29 (REFTEL) WHERE THEY WILL HAVE TWO OR THREE DISCUSSION SESSIONS. REAL STUMBLING BLOCK TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH EMERGED CLEARLY DURING SUHARTO-RAZAK MEETING IN PENANG, IS MALAYSIAN ATTITUDE THAT GOP RENOUNCING OF CLAIM TO SABAH IS INTERNAL PHILIPPINE QUESTION WHICH SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO A MALAYSIAN PLEDGE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. MALIK OBSERVED THAT GOM IS APPARENTLY CONVINCED THAT TO PLEDGE FUTURE NON-INTERFERENCE IS AN ADMISSION OF PAST MISDOINGS. ASIDE HE NOTED THAT GOI HAS REPORT THAT THREE SHIPS TRIED TO FERRY ARMS TO SULU FROM NORTH KALIMANTAN (CLEARLY IMPLYING THIS WITH GMP CONNIVANCE).

3. MALIK SAID THAT MALAYSIA CONTINUES UNWILLING TO PLEDGE NON-INTERFERENCE IN RETURN FOR MARCOS' DROPPING SABAH CLAIM--WHICH HE WILLING TO DO--IT LIKELY MARCOS WILL HARDEN HIS POSITION AND BECOME MORE SUSPICIOUS THAN EVER OF MALAYSIA. GIVEN RIGID MALAYSIAN POSITION MALIK DOUBTED MUCH COULD COME OF SUHARTO-MARCOS MEETING (MARCOS OFFERED TO BRING A REBEL LEADER TO TESTIFY RE MALAYSIAN INVOLVEMENT BUT SUHARTO DECLINED). FURTHER, HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE A SUHARTO-RAZAK-MARCOS TRIPARTITE MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE. "AFTER MENADO I MUST TRY AGAIN TO CONVINCE MALAYSIA," MALIK CONCLUDED.
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